

bound together under one God—when we bind together under one God, different cultures and different heritages.

We will conduct this debate on immigration in a way that is respectful to our heritage. We are a nation of law, and we will enforce our law. But at the same time, we must remember that in order to secure our borders, in order to make sure we fulfill our heritage, immigration reform must be comprehensive in nature. We must understand that you can't kick 12 million people out of your country; that we must figure out a way to say to those that if you're lawful and if you've contributed to the United States of America, there is a way for you to eventually earn a citizenship.

Nobody in our land wants to grant automatic amnesty. But everybody in our land understands these people must be treated with respect and dignity. There are citizenship lines for people from our neighborhood. People ought to be given a chance to get at the back of the citizenship line and have a chance. And so I assure my friends here that I will—we will enforce the border as people expect us to do. But as we do so, we'll do so in a humane way, in a way that honors that great tradition of the United States of America, one Nation under God.

And so on this day that we recognize the contributions of our Hispanic Americans, we renew the great—our faith in the greatness of our country. I welcome you to the White House. I'm honored, Royal Highness, that you have joined us today. I thank you for serving the United States of America. And I now welcome to the stage Ana Cristina.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:29 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sofia of Spain; Victor G. Cabral, husband of U.S. Treasurer Anna Escobedo Cabral; Ana Cristina Alvarez, Cuban American singer; Emilio Estefan, Jr., president, Estefan Enterprises; and Lt. Col. Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, USA, (Ret.). The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

September 30

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

October 1

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

October 2

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia. Later, he had an intelligence briefing followed by a briefing on wildfires in California. He and Mrs. Bush then participated in planting an elm tree on the north grounds of the White House.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Reno, NV, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Elaine Nickovich.

In the evening, the President traveled to Stockton, CA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Masanobu Kamigaki.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mary E. Peters as a member of the Amtrak Reform Board.

October 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Radisson Hotel, he participated in a signing ceremony for Public Law 109-294, the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act.

Later in the morning, the President toured the George W. Bush Elementary School.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to El Dorado Hills, CA. Later, he traveled to Los Angeles, CA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a briefing on wildfires in California. Upon arrival in Los Angeles, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Matthew Cook.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a Republican National Committee reception. Later, he traveled to Phoenix, AZ, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Barbara MacLean. He then traveled to Scottsdale, AZ.

October 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Denver, CO, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Mary Lester. He then traveled to Englewood, CO.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

October 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he toured Woodridge Elementary and Middle Campus.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Paul A. Morin, national commander, American Legion.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles E. Dorkey III to be a member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

The President announced his intention to designate Stanley E. Taylor as Chairman of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mark B. Murphy as a member of the Advisory Board of the National Air and Space Museum.

The President announced his intention to appoint Debra Lynn Crisp as a member of the Klamath River Compact Commission (Federal Representative) and, upon appointment, to designate her as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to appoint Steven M. Colloton as a member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation (Federal Judiciary).

October 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal to discuss the situation in Darfur, Sudan, and Prime Min-

ister Stephen Harper of Canada to discuss international issues.

Later in the morning, the President toured the FedEx Express DCA Facility. Later, at the facility, he participated in a roundtable discussion on the national economy.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with members of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force/Headquarters European Theater of Operations U.S. Army Veterans Association.

The President declared a major disaster in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from September 12–14.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released September 30

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 6138 and H.R. 6198

Released October 2

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Released October 3

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on promoting sustainable fisheries and ending destructive fishing practices